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December 14, 2006

Douglas W Jones
State Historic Preservation Office
State Historical Society of Iowa
600 East Locust Street
Des Moines, IA 50319-5111

RE: Finance Docket No. AB-6 (Sub No. 437X), BNSF Railway Company
Abandonment in Glake, Polk County, Iowa
R&C#:051177064

Dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you for your letter of November 6, 2006, acknowledging the receipt and review of the Phase 1A Reconnaissance Report (Report) prepared by the University of Iowa, Office of the State Archaeologist for the above referenced project. In your letter, you stated that you concur with the report's recommendation that no further work is recommended for this undertaking. In addition, you stated that if our office provided you with a determination of **No Historic Properties Affected** for this proposed project, your office would concur.

As explained below, and detailed in the report, we have determined that no historic properties would be affected by this proposed project. The project corridor was investigated through a pedestrian survey and the review of historical information. The results of the investigation revealed that no surface or subsurface disturbances would occur as a result of this proposed abandonment. Moreover, no archaeological materials were recovered and no historic properties were identified.

If you need additional information or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me or Phillis Johnson-Ball at (202) 565-1530

CONCUR

Sincerely,

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